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CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL  
OCCUPATION SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Hyatt Regency SF Airport Hotel  
Sand Pebble Room B  
May 4, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Leo Garcia called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. Commissioners present were Leo Garcia, Pat McGinn, Neil Struthers and Chief Rowan. Absent was Commissioner Rick Rice. A quorum was met.

II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 24, 2007 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by the committee.

III. OTHER MATTERS

- A. Chairperson Garcia reiterated the importance of this committee to the industry. The committee has to be revitalized and become proactive.
- B. Rick Ullerich, Division of Occupation Safety and Health (DOSH) Consultant from the Department of Industrial Relations was the guest speaker.

After providing a brief background on himself and his experience, Mr. Ullerich focused on discussing his duties as a Consultant. He visits different job sites and checks for safety compliance. If he finds violations – serious, non serious or regulatory - the employer must agree to correct them. If he finds issues that are hazardous, he must stay on site until the hazard has been corrected or the employees have been removed from the site.

He provided a copy of an internal document that is used by CAL OSHA: citing the top 25 violations found by enforcement and consultation in construction (document attached).

He reported that in 1991, every employer was required to have a written safety policy for their employees - the Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP). The IIPP should include seven elements:

- Who is in charge of safety
- How to communicate
- Tail gate meeting, (once every ten working days- in construction),

- Hazard assessment (daily observance- unsafe work acts)
- Method for investigating accidents (underlying causes that contributed to the accident)
- Training
- Policy for correcting hazards and enforcing your safety policy.

A question and answer session followed.

Q. What was the most frequent cited violation?

A. According to the handout, it was Enforcement and Consultation in construction.

Q. What is the difference in safety training between the journeyman and the apprentice level?

A. OSHA requires training prior to putting an employee in a job or task.

OSHA 8- California Program

OSHA 10- Federal Program

Discussions: safety procedures in construction concerning apprentice and questions concerning the handout he past out regarding: violations.

CAL OSHA has developed a partnership recognition program: (at first only available to general industry, but now has been opened to construction):

B. Ratings: CAL OSHA

1. Golden Gate Letter of Recognition is given when a company meets the minimum Title 8 compliance. All the safety programs are implemented, recorded and documented correctly.

2. California Sharp Achievement and Recommendation Program: Given to general contractors who not only meet, but exceed the safety requirements. The recipients will be exempt from programmed inspections for two years, but may still have random inspections.

#### IV. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH TOPICS FOR UPCOMING CAC FORUMS

Commissioner Garcia announced the committee's plan to set a specific forum on "Safety In Apprenticeship" in the October CAC and to set up a list of topics relating to apprenticeship safety issues.

#### V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned about 4:45pm

Respectfully Submitted: